Parents vs. Teenagers

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Parents make rules for their teenagers so that no one gets hurt in any way and so that they can grow into a responsible adult to make good decisions. In my house there are not very many rules that we have to follow but the ones that we do have, are very understandable because our parents want what is best for us. Teenagers do not always want to follow the rules but in the long run they will probably thank their parents for setting those rules.

My parents for the most part are pretty easy going, they let us do mostly anything as long as it is wise and won’t get anyone hurt. One rule that we have in our house is that we have to make sure our parents know where we are. I can totally understand this rule because if something were to happen they know where we are and can come pick us up right away. My parents are not those parents who say, “Where are you going, what are you doing there, who is going to be there” kind of parents. They trust me that I will not make any dangerous, risky decisions. Another rule that we have at our house is to clean up after ourselves. This is a pretty easy rule for me considering I have OCD and always want everything neat and tidy. One rule that is very strict in our house is no drugs or alcohol. This rule is very easy for me because I know that drugs and alcohol are bad for you so I will not use them. Another rule that is pretty strict in my house is to get good grades. I do not like this rule very much, because sometimes school can get very hard, and is hard to keep up the good grades. I know that the reason for this rule is because my parents want us to be successful and go far in life. One thing I love about my parents is that when I want to go to my friend’s house they always let me go unless we have plans. Most of our rules are very easy to follow and are very reasonable.

I always try my best to follow these rules but sometimes I break them. Usually if I break a rule such as not getting good grades, or not telling my parents where I’m at, my parents will just yell at me. But if I ever did something such as using drugs or alcohol, im sure the punishment would be a lot more severe. I have never actually been grounded in my entire life, but I have been yelled at when breaking these rules. I feel that this is fair because yes, I still do learn my lesson just in a different way than getting grounded.

My parents had a lot more rules when they were younger. My dad’s rules were to not ever lie, steal, or swear. One main rule that my dad had was to treat others with respect and be kind to everyone. If any of these rules were broken they would get beat. My dad did not always like these rules, but today he realizes that these rules are set for a reason, and he is glad that these rules were set. My mom also had rules to follow. One rule that my mom has was to be home by the time the street lights were off, which was eight o’clock. Every day she had to feed all the animals, and clean out the cages. Also every Saturday she had to clean the entire house. If these rules were broken she would be grounded. She didn’t like these rules very much, but today she realizes that they were for her own good.

It is good to set rules for teenagers so that no one gets hurt and so they can grow up and be a responsible adult. Sometimes when were young rules seem so unfair, but setting rules molds a person as they become a young adult, to become honest, have integrity, and to strive to be the best person you can be.